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Modern Geography. By Marion I. Newbigin, D.Sc., Editor of the *Scottish Geographical Magazine*. Home University Library of Modern Knowledge, No. 7. 256 pp., maps, diagrams and index. Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1911. 75 cts. 7 x 5.

This book cannot be recommended too strongly to the general reader who wishes to inform himself of the present status of modern geographical science. In nine chapters, to which is added a brief list of standard references, it covers the whole field of geography and points out very clearly what constitutes the distinctive geographic point of view and method. This is accomplished not by an abstract discussion of principles but by an extremely readable presentation of well-chosen examples.

An introductory chapter treats of the beginnings of modern geography, with which the names of Humboldt, Ritter and Darwin are so intimately associated. Two chapters are devoted to the larger features of the relief of the earth's surface and to a discussion of normal and of glacial erosion. The chapter on climate and weather demonstrates the general principles of climatology by means of a characterization of the Mediterranean type. Subsequent chapters on plant and animal geography bring out particularly well the broad aspects of these branches of our subject and afford a welcome relief from the product of writers whose conception of geography still seems to be limited to physiography. A chapter on cultivated plants and domesticated animals leads logically to the discussion of man. Chapter VIII on the races of Europe discusses their present distribution, their origin and the conditions of their environment which have made for differentiation. The final chapter on the distribution of minerals as a potent factor in the localization of industries and in the development of transportation affords an excellent example of the conciseness of statement and the breadth of view characteristic of the book throughout.

The publishers are to be congratulated upon the inception of the series of which this volume forms a part. To judge by the volumes so far published it bids fair to become in English a worthy equal to the well-known "Göschens Sammlung."

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Guide to Geographical Books and Appliances. The Second Edition of "Hints to Teachers and Students on the Choice of Geographical Books for Reference and Reading." By H. R. Mill, LL.D., D.Sc., Revised by A. J. Herbertson, J. F. Unstead and Nora E. Macmunn. viii and 207 pp., Published for the Geographical Association by George Philip & Son, Ltd., London, 1910. 5s. 8½ x 5½.

Dr. Mill presented all his rights in his well-known book "Hints to Teachers" to the Geographical Association (Great Britain) on condition that a new edition be produced. This condition has been fulfilled by the preparation and publication of the present work. The plan and most of the contents of the earlier work are reproduced, but the number of works recorded is much longer than in the original book. The object of the volume, as Dr. Mill said in the first edition, "is to place before teachers and students a selection of the best available books on geography as an educational subject, and on different parts of the world." This purpose is admirably carried out and extended in the new edition. While not wholly complete the list is a good teachers' and students' guide to most of